

## CASE IS A MYSTERY

Miss Alma Shepard Leaves Father's Home.

LAST SEEN AT CHURCH

Young Woman Like Her Seen Headed for Wichita.

Alma Shepard, a young girl who lives near Conway Springs, Kansas, is missing from home and her father is very much alarmed about her. Mr. Shepard was in Wichita last night to get the assistance of the police in finding his daughter, and when seen at the police station, he said that the girl was about 15 years old, but was large for her age. She had been working for a family in Conway Springs, but had given up her position and returned to her father's house on the farm, three miles south of Conway. On Sunday night she told her father that she was going to church in Conway Springs and he left a light burning in the house for her when she came back. He says he went to bed and when he got up next morning and saw that the light was still burning, he went to his daughter's room and found that the bed had not been occupied. He became alarmed and notified a neighbor and they went to Conway Springs, but could not locate the girl there, nor find anyone that had seen her. Mr. Shepard did not know what to do, but went back to his farm and found in the girl's room, tucked under the pillow of her bed, a couple of letters that she had written, but not finished. One was to her mother in Oklahoma, and the other was to a young man in southern Kansas. In both letters she stated that she was going away and would never be seen again, and the one written to the young man addressed "My Dear Sam," was very pathetic and informed him that she could not keep a promise she had made him a year before and therefore she was going away. Her father hitched up a team and drove to Clearwater day before yesterday. Two miles below Clearwater he stopped at a farmer's house and the people told him that a girl answering the description given had been there on Monday night, but had only stopped a little while and had gone on towards Clearwater. At Clearwater he could not find anyone who had seen her and he drove to Haysville and the agent at the description given had been there on Monday night, but had only stopped a little while and had gone on towards Clearwater. At Clearwater he could not find anyone who had seen her and he drove to Haysville and the agent at the description given had been there on Monday night, but had only stopped a little while and had gone on towards Clearwater.

Her father said she had no reason to leave her home, as he was always very good to her and there was nothing for her to get mad at. The girl's grandparents live in Ames, Kansas, and her father thinks that she might have been trying to walk from Conway Springs to Ames. A telephone message was sent by the police last night to Ames, but no reply was received from there. The father is nearly frantic and fears that the girl has met with some accident or has been assaulted or murdered. He requests that if anyone knows the whereabouts of Alma Shepard that they communicate with him in care of the police headquarters in this city.

## MISTAKEN QUARANTINE LAW.

Jerry Simpson Vigorously Expresses Himself Regarding State Inspection. As every Kansan is well aware, one of the most important and far-reaching industries of the state is our great and growing live stock interests. And lands in many of the western tier of counties which proved a discouraging failure for strictly agricultural purposes, have been found to possess large value as grazing ranges. So everything that legislation can do to aid this work is producing industry is welcomed. And by the same token any political lobby or unwise legislation which puts a check upon it is suicidal and eminently wrong. The last session of the Kansas state legislature enacted a so-called quarantine inspection law which purported aim was to protect stock men, but the unhappy and disastrous overhauling of which not only defeats its own ends and positively does not in the least restrict any infectious cattle maulades, but in addition seriously harasses and discommodates live shippers and those who would otherwise be more friendly to Kansas and our markets. A case in point occurred this week right at our own market and one of the leading commission firms at the Union Stock Yards was involved. Hon. Jerry Simpson on last Sunday night went to Kildare, O. T., and bought three cars of fine, fat butcher cattle. Now Kildare is two miles south of Newburg and they are considerably north of the government quarantine line. In an interview yesterday with Mr. Simpson he related to a reporter for the Eagle his experience with the quarantine law, and it is a matter of record that no ticks or ticks ever have been found north of this line, unless brought in by some one.

What Shall We Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Bitter's. A delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking. Add hot water and eat. Bitter's. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers. Bitter's.

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## GENUINE OLD TIMER.

Mr. Beagle, an Original Medicine Lodge Man, in Town. Mr. L. J. Beagle, of Parsons, was in the city yesterday on business. He says he is a Democrat, but for some cause there is a great deal of property in Parsons. He does not know whether it is due to McKinley's second election or not. He expressed the opinion, in a confidential way, that outside of politics, the Eagle was the best daily in the west.

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## TRADING IN FARMS

Rich Experience of an Illinois Man in Kansas.

HIS VALUABLE LANDS

Brought Less Rent Than His Kansas Investment.

O. Z. Smith and Wallace McGinnis were talking yesterday about the prospects of a heavy influx of land hunters to southern Kansas. They are engaged in the real estate business and Mr. McGinnis makes frequent trips to Illinois, where he tells the people of the advantages of this state. He has been instrumental in locating many Illinois farmers in this section. The men both agreed that there would be a heavy emigration to this section this summer and next fall.

When asked by a reporter for the Eagle what induced Illinois farmers to come to Kansas to buy land, Mr. McGinnis said he would explain that by a parable. He had always thought the truth could be best impressed on the minds of people by parables and he said:

"About one year ago I brought a man from Illinois and sold him a farm on the Cowardin. It was the place which John Allen of this city proved up. The man in Illinois sold his farm for \$119 an acre and I sold him this place for \$35 an acre. The man to whom this man sold his Illinois farm rented it for a number of years for \$1 an acre which would bring him an income of \$200 a year. Now the farm that I sold to this Illinois man was rented to Deacon Wilson and the Deacon had it all in wheat. The man got possession at once and of course got the rent, which was one-third of the wheat crop. So, people are learning that the money land can be sold for in Illinois and other states east of the Mississippi and invested in Kansas lands will bring a good deal better return. People are simply making the change because there is money in it. I saw two farms sold in the northern part of Illinois several weeks ago. They belonged to an estate which was being settled up and they sold at public sale for \$18 an acre and the improvements were very ordinary. People are coming to Kansas to get some of the profits in the rise of real estate. You will see farm lands in this section and Wichita property advance in a very few years beyond present prices. People used to high prices see this and they are coming to reap some of the benefits."

If you are sick all over, and don't know just what ails you, it may be one of your kidneys and out of order. FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE will bring you health and energy. G. Gehring, 406 E. Douglas; Geo. Van Warden, 228 N. Main; Wichita Drug Co., 110 E. Douglas.

## FATHER EPSHS BUYS LAND.

Farms Selling Like Hot Cakes in Sedgewick County. John Reed, one of the oldest settlers in Sedgewick county, sold his farm yesterday. This was the first transfer since he received a deed from the government of the United States. The purchaser of the farm was Father Epps, the resident priest at Andale, who bought it for an investment. The price was \$10 an acre.

Speaking of the price for which land was selling in the north part of this county yesterday, Harry Stewart, of the Deam Abstract company, said that land up there sold higher than in any other part of the county and that it was on the coast of the Catholic settlement, he thought. Mr. Stewart said a farm in that section was as good as money in the bank because whenever a man intimated that he wanted to sell, some fellow in the neighborhood would go down into an old looking and bring him up a lot of money and pay him the cash for his farm. He said a short time ago Hiram Smith who owned a farm up there of 20 acres, priced it at \$1000 and a neighbor hearing of it, went to Mr. Smith and told him to cash out his deed. He got it all down in cash.

"I had a running race on my breast for over a year," says Henry B. Richards of Willsboro, N. Y., and tried a great many remedies, but got no relief until I used BANNER SALVE. After using one-half box, I was perfectly cured. I cannot recommend it too highly." G. Gehring, 406 E. Douglas; Geo. Van Warden, 228 N. Main; Wichita Drug Co., 110 E. Douglas.

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which their throats cut, as a rule of the marauder. A great amount of money is lost every year because of these nightly visits and all attempts at trapping and poison, have proved useless and the farmer must stand the loss of often very valuable fowls.

## RAIN IS NEEDED.

Wheat is Heading Out and Drouth Damages It.

A good rain is needed badly in some parts of the county in order to insure a good wheat crop and also to give the corn a start. In the southern part of the county the farmers report the wheat in a very bad condition. It is heading out and is very short, and the absence of a good rain will cut the crop fully forty per cent. Owing to the growth the grain made in the spring months the stalks are thick, some say too thick, on the ground. This takes a great deal of the moisture and not enough is in the ground to supply the heads. The heads are small and the berries are ill formed and the wheat men say that if a rain is not forthcoming in a few days the quality of the grain will be far below the average. The wheat is not suffering around Wichita yet, but a good rain will do an immense amount of good. Corn is just peeping through the ground and a rain would help it a great deal.

## WHAT BLACK BASS EAT.

Charles Davidson Has a Large One Which Eats Birds.

C. L. Davidson thinks that the black bass is the biggest hog of a fish that swims in the water. He and Judge Dale were out to Waldock lake about two years ago and they caught a black bass that weighed nearly four pounds. Mr. Davidson brought the fish home and put it in a lily pond in his yard with other small fish. He says he feeds the fish, but he is never satisfied. He wants to eat everything in sight. He tried to swallow a fish one day about half as large as himself and choked. He had to remove the other fish from its throat.

Mr. Davidson says that fish has actually got to catching birds. The birds come to the pond to bathe and the fish make a jump for them and the bird is not to be seen. Mrs. Davidson was looking out of the window yesterday, when she remarked to Mr. Davidson that she believed the fish had just caught a Jaybird. Mr. Davidson went out and saw the tail feathers of that unfortunate Jay sticking out of one side of the mouth of that big black bass. He said the fish had the appearance of a snake that had recently swallowed a toad. Mr. Davidson says now he believes that Jonah and Whale story.

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## WICHITA HAS GOOD WATER.

Fred Aley Says the Sands of the River Filter It.

Fred Aley was explaining to some friends yesterday why Wichita had the best drinking water in the world. He said that he had made a study of this water question and he thought he knew what he was talking about. He had read that ancient Greece and Rome had excellent drinking water and they found that clean white sand made the best filter, but the sand would become impure and had to be changed frequently. He said the water used by the people of this city was filtered for hundreds of miles through quicksand and the quicksand kept constantly changing, which prevented its becoming impure. He said that he had shown that the water used in this city was almost absolutely free of any vegetable matter and it was the best water in the world.

## COURT DIGGING A WELL.

That's an Accusation Made Against Judge Dale.

The district court had a quiet appearance yesterday. Judge Dale was absent most of the day. One lawyer said the court was digging a well. The jury will report for duty today and the criminal cases will be called for trial. It is stated that Judge Dale intends to rush the jury cases and try and discharge the jury by the 15th of June, as the farmers will want to go in the harvest field by that time.

Judge Harvey, of the city court, got a little rest yesterday. He has already disposed of a large amount of business and is not allowing cases to pile up on him. Some of the officers of the court say that if the new judge keeps up his present pace the people will not have to wait very long to get justice in the city court.

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## From the Baker to You

"These biscuit are stale," said the husband. "I bought that bag of biscuit day before yesterday," said his wife. "I only had them a week," said the grocer. "They didn't stay around here over ten days," said the jobber. "They were shipped the day they were baked," said the baker, "but perhaps they were delayed in delivery."

It used to be a long journey from the baker to you. To-day the distance is bridged by the In-er-seal Patent Package. These packages are sealed at the door of the oven, and are proof against dampness, dust and germs. The flavor and crispness of the biscuit come to you perfectly preserved whether you live next door to the bakery or a thousand miles away.

When you order Soda, Graham, Long Branch, Milk and Oatmeal Biscuits, Vanilla Wafers, Ginger Snaps and Saratoga Flakes, insist on getting those which come in the In-er-seal Patent Package. Don't take a substitute. Look for the In-er-seal trade mark design at the end of the box.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY



## COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED.

President Grafton Chooses His Work-ers for Year.

President Grafton of the school board, has announced the following standing committees: Ways and Means—Jackson, Cline, Martin. Accounts—Cassell, Cline, Bell. Building and Grounds—Martin, Rice, Horner. Judiciary—Sim, Hatfield, Cassell. Teachers and Salaries—Hatfield, Horner, McClellan. Printing—Hill, Jackson. Text Books and Course of Study—Gill, Cassell, Rice. School Furniture and Supplies—Rice, Sim, Jackson. Heating and Ventilation—McClellan, Sim, Bell. High School and Library—Horner, Hatfield, Martin. Sanitary and Boundary—Cline, Gill, McClellan.

## WAS SENT HOME

Deeple of Horace Greeley Meets With Trouble.

The police department picked up a runaway boy yesterday and sent him to his parents at Tecumseh, Kan., near Topeka, last night. The boy's name was Charles Horner, and he is about thirteen years old and small for his age. He said that he had a good home and got along all right with his parents, but just wanted to see the country and so concluded to strike out. The department here had received no notification to look out for him from his parents or anyone else and the circumstances leading up to the matter were somewhat peculiar. About two weeks ago a boy disappeared from St. Louis and it was supposed that he had been kidnapped. His parents offered a large reward. A description of him was sent out by the authorities in St. Louis to every police department in the west and the officers here were on the lookout for one such boy. Yesterday morning a report was sent to the police that a strange boy had applied for lodgings at the Harker Hotel Co. office on North Main, and when asked where his parents lived refused to answer and skipped out. The description of the boy corresponded with that of the missing St. Louis boy and a search of the town was made and the boy was found carrying a small bundle of clothes. While he came very nearly fitting the description of the St. Louis boy, it was evident to the police that he was not the same one, but he had all the earmarks of a runaway boy, and on a little questioning he confessed he had run away from home. He gave his name and the name of his parents in Tecumseh and a message was sent to his father, who wired to send the boy home. He was put on the train last night and started for Tecumseh and doubtless by this time is being interviewed by his papa in the woodshed.

## CITY IN BRIEF.

Mrs. L. W. Miner is visiting friends in the south. C. Knox of Belle Plaine was in Wichita yesterday. Judge Wall is in Liberal, Kan., trying a couple of cases in district court. The Catholic Advance has opened offices in the Sedgewick block at Room 24. Sidney Simons, representing the Tarrant power mills of Tarrant, Pa., is in the city. Fred Folsom, a prominent merchant of Greenfield, was in the city yesterday on business. T. C. Latta, president of the Latta, Spencer, Lumber company, is in the city from Chicago. Charles Toward has returned from Boston and is seated at his post in the Kansas National bank. Lew. Harman of St. Joe, Mo., is in the city, having been called away by the death of his brother. Mrs. L. D. Gortner, of Quincy, Illinois, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Eva Little, at 101 North Market street.

## COMING LOCAL EVENTS.

The Musical Club recital to have been given Friday evening May 10, is postponed. Dates will be announced later. Regular session of Elks tonight at 8 o'clock. Initiation of candidates. All the hard that can attend should be present. The directors of the Children's Home will hold their annual meeting at 2 p. m. today. A full attendance is expected. The meeting will be at the home. Sister St. John, who recently died at Ames, will be buried from Mount St. Marys Orphan Home at 9 a. m. today. Father Thien will conduct the services. The ladies of the Highland Cemetery Association are requested to meet at the city building at their room Saturday afternoon to attend to uncompleted business. There will be a meeting of Wichita Aeris No. 123 F. O. E., at Red Man's hall 117 North Market street at 8 o'clock this evening. All members are requested to be present. The funeral of Samuel C. Arnold will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his mother, 68 South Topeka avenue. Friends of the family are invited to attend. The sewing society of the Geo. Thomas (V. R. Union, which was to meet at Mrs. W. E. Copeland's May 8, is postponed for one week from that date at the same place.

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